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ON CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA

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FOLLOWING ARE FOUR POINTS GIVEN AMBASSADOR
EVENING MARCH 28 BY ARGENTINE ARMY CHIEF
OF STAFF GENERAL VIOLA AS EXPRESSIONS OF
PRESIDENT VIDELA CONCERNING POINTS RAISED
IN REFTEL:

- VIOLA ASKED AMBASSADOR TO EXTEND
PRESIDENT VIDELAS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT
CARTER AND ALSO TO EXPRESS GOA'S APPRECIATION
FOR USG'S DEFERENCE IN SHARING INFORMATION
WITH ARGENTINA ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER
FACING US IN AFRICA. VIDELA WISHED TO
EMPHASIZE HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS FOR BEING
CONSULTED BY US PRESIDENT ON A MATTER OF GREAT

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INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE;
B. VIDELA UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN
AFRICA. VIDELA WANTED PRESIDENT CARTER TO KNOW THAT
HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED OUR POSITION ON NON INTERVENTION
AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM.
VIDELA APPLAUDED US EFFORTS TO TAKE A FIRMER STAND

AGAINST SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA;
C. GOA FULLY BELIEVES THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO
DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE PLAN FOR
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE TOWARDS
WHICH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE AMERICAS SHOULD BE OFFERING
ITS SUPPORT, AND

D. VIDELA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF
PUNTA DEL ESTE SHOULD PREVAIL. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO
DETAIL VIOLA SAID IT WAS PRESIDENT VIDELAS'S VIEW THAT
THOSE CONCEPTS ENUNCiated AND ADOPTED UNDER THE
HEMISPERIC AGREEMENTS REACHED AT PUNTA DEL ESTE
SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL THE MEMBER STATES
OF THE AMERICAS.

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